

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A digital camera which has a first function of self-timer image-capturing function and a second function different from the first function, the digital camera comprising:

an indicating device which is arranged on a front of the digital camera, indicates a situation in self-timer image-capturing by at least one of lighting and blinking, and indicates an operation situation of the second function,

wherein the second function is at least one of an external device communication function, a battery charging function or a moving image-capturing function, and

wherein indicating the external device communication function has priority over indicating the moving image-capturing function.

2. (ORIGINAL) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the indicating device indicates the operation situation of the second function by at least one of lighting, blinking, and emitting colors.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the second function further includes a voice recording function.

4. (ORIGINAL) The digital camera according to claim 3, wherein the indicating device indicates the operation situation of the second function by at least one of lighting, blinking, and emitting colors.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A digital camera, wherein:

the digital camera has a self-timer image-capturing function;

the digital camera is mounted to a cradle;

the cradle has a terminal to communicate with an external device carrying out two-way communication, and a power output terminal to output a direct voltage source;

the digital camera carries out two-way communication with the external device via the cradle;

the digital camera has a charging function of charging a battery in the digital camera by the direct voltage source input from the power output terminal of the cradle when power of the digital camera is off; and

the digital camera comprises a first indicating device which is arranged on a front of the digital camera, indicates a situation in self-timer image-capturing by at least one of lighting and blinking, and indicates a charging situation by the charging function,

wherein the first indicating device indicates the two-way communication with the external device and the indication of the two-way communication has priority over the indication of the self-timer image-capturing function.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A digital camera, wherein:

the digital camera has a self-timer image-capturing function;

the digital camera is mounted to a cradle;

the cradle has a terminal to communicate with an external device carrying out two-way communication, and a power output terminal to output a direct voltage source;

the digital camera carries out two-way communication with the external device via the cradle;

the digital camera has a charging function of charging a battery in the digital camera by the direct voltage source input from the power output terminal of the cradle when power of the digital camera is off; and

the digital camera comprises a first indicating device which is arranged on a front of the digital camera, indicates a situation in self-timer image-capturing by at least one of lighting and blinking, and indicates a charging situation by the charging function,

wherein the digital camera further comprises

a second indicating device which is arranged on a rear of the digital camera and indicates the charging situation by the charging function; and

a detecting device which detects mounting/non-mounting of the digital camera to the cradle,

wherein when the detecting device detects mounting to the cradle, the charging situation of the digital camera is indicated by the first indicating device, and when the detecting device detects non-mounting to the cradle, the charging situation of the digital camera is indicated by the second indicating device on the rear of the camera.

7. (ORIGINAL) The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein data communicating with the external device is indicated by the first indicating device when the power of the digital camera is on.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method for indicating a plurality of functions of a camera, comprising:

indicating a first function utilizing an indicating device located in a front of the camera, wherein the first function is a self-timer image-capturing function; and

indicating a second function utilizing the indicating device, wherein the second function includes a battery charge processing or a moving image-capturing,

wherein the second function further includes at least one of communications processing, audio recording, and voice memo processing, and

wherein the step of indicating the communications processing has priority over the step of indicating the self-timer image-capturing function.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, wherein the indicating device is an LED.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating self-timer image-capturing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a continuous manner for a first predetermined period of time when it is determined that a shutter button of the camera is fully depressed;

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner for a second predetermined period of time after the first predetermined period of time has elapsed; and

operating the indicating device in the continuous manner for a third predetermined period of time after the second predetermined period of time has elapsed.

11. (CANCELED)

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating the battery charge processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a continuous manner until it is determined that the battery is fully charged; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the battery is fully charged.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the step of indicating the communications processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in communication with an external device;

operating the indicating device in an intermittent manner when it is determined that the camera may be disconnected from communication with the external device; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is disconnected from communication with the external device.

14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication processing occurs via a USB bus.

15. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating the moving image-capturing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in a moving image recording mode; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the moving image recording mode.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 15, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the moving image recording mode when a shutter button of the camera is half-depressed or when a predetermined time has passed since a start of the moving image recording mode.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~11~~8, wherein the step of indicating the audio recording function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera is in an audio recording mode; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the audio recording mode.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 17, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the audio recording mode when a shutter button of the camera is half-depressed or when there is no more capacity in a recording medium.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~11~~8, wherein the step of indicating the voice memo processing function includes:

operating the indicating device in a blinking manner when it is determined that the camera a voice memo mode; and

ceasing operation of the indicating device when it is determined that the camera is no longer in the voice memo mode.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 19, wherein it is determined that the camera is no longer in the voice memo mode
when a menu/OK button of the camera is on or
when a back switch of the camera is on and a predetermined time has passed since a start of the moving image recording mode.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the battery charging function takes place when the camera has already been externally turned off.

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the battery charging function takes place when the camera has already been externally turned off.

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 5, wherein the digital camera carries out the two-way communication with the external device when the camera has already been externally turned on.

24. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 8, wherein the step of indicating the second function of the battery charge processing is performed when the digital camera has already been externally turned off.

26. (CANCELED)

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the steps of indicating communications processing, audio recording, and voice memo processing are performed when the digital camera has already been externally turned on.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 1,

wherein the indicating device is configured to indicate the moving image-capturing function by blinking when the camera is in a moving image recording mode and ceasing blinking and by ceasing blinking when the camera is no longer in the moving image recording mode, and

wherein the camera is no longer in the moving image-capturing function when a shutter button of the camera is half-depressed or when a predetermined time has passed since a start of the moving image recording mode.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The digital camera according to claim 1, wherein the indicating device is configured to indicate the battery charging function by operating in a continuous manner until the battery is fully charged and ceasing operation when the battery is fully charged.

30. (NEW) A digital camera, comprising:
an indicating device arranged on a front of the digital camera,
wherein the digital camera is capable of performing a self-timer image-capturing, a battery charging, and a moving-image capturing, and
wherein the indicating device is configured to

indicate the self-timer image-capturing is taking place when the camera performs the self-timer image-capturing,

indicate the battery charging is taking place when the camera performs the battery charging, and

indicate the moving image-capturing is taking place when the camera performs the moving image-capturing.

31. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 30, wherein the indicating device is configured to indicate that the self-timer image-capturing is taking place by lighting or blinking or both.

32. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 30, wherein the digital camera is configured to perform the battery charging function when the digital camera is manually turned off.

33. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 30,
wherein the digital camera is capable of performing external device communication, and

wherein the indicating device is configured to indicate the external device communication is taking place when the camera performs the external device communication.

34. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 33,
wherein the indicating the external device communication takes priority over indicating self-timer image capturing.

35. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 33,
wherein the indicating the external device communication takes priority over indicating moving image capturing.

36. (NEW) The digital camera according to claim 33,
wherein the digital camera is capable of performing voice recording, and
wherein the indicating device is configured to indicate the voice recording
is taking place when the camera performs the voice recording.